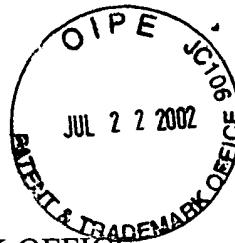


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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the European Search Report (in German) conducted in European Application No. 01127881.9, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the European Examiner cited:

- (1) DE 201 00 509, which is cited as an "P, X" category document (i.e. indicating lack of novelty). In particular, the European Examiner indicated that the whole document was relevant to claims 1-7 and 10 of the European Application;
- (2) Published US application 20020053415 is listed in the annex as a counterpart of DE 201 00 509;

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(3) EP 0 705 937, which is cited as an "A" category document (i.e. indicating the general state of the art). In particular, the European Examiner indicated that the whole document was relevant to claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of the European Application;

(4) US 5,662,778 is listed in the annex as a counterpart of EP 0 705 937;

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(7) US 5,868,904, which is cited as an "A" category document. In particular, the European Examiner indicated that the whole document was relevant to claims 1-7 and 10 of the European Application;

(8) US 6,368,466 is listed in the annex as a counterpart of US 5,868,904;

(9) US 5,865,954 is listed in the annex as a counterpart of US 5,868,904; and

(10) US 5,833,810 is listed in the annex as a counterpart of US 5,868,904.

Copies of the above-listed documents (including the European Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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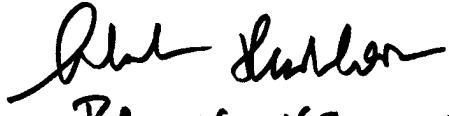
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filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

In the event that this IDS crosses in the mail with a first action on the merits, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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